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LETTER DATED 29 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a copy of a note verbale, with an attachment, dated 20 May 1998 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., to the Embassy of Pakistan, to be forwarded to the United States Department of State, on the violation of territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the forces of the United States of America in the Persian Gulf region.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hadi NEJAD HOSSEINIAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Note verbale dated 20 May 1998 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan and has the honour to attach a message received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the text be transmitted to the United States Department of State and that your office be informed of their response.

Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 2 February 1998 at 2200 hours, a United States warship aggressed into the territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran and, at the position of N2951 and E4952, anchored itself 8 1/2 miles inside the territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran, without heeding the warnings coming from the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On 3 February 1998 at 0110 hours, eight United States tugboats violated the territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran and stopped around an Iranian destroyer. One came close to the destroyer.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests the entry of the United States warship and tugboats into the territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran, actions which are in clear violation of international laws and regulations, as well as the fact that the warship ignored all warnings coming from the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Islamic Republic of Iran expects that activities such as these will not be repeated again.